



SORBONNE
UNIVERSITY
ABU DHABI



Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy

The Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy has two concentrations: “International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy” and “Defence and International Security”, preparing students for global careers in international law, international relations, security and defence.

In the current era of dynamic political forces and globalisation, cooperative measures in politics and international security are at the forefront of global policy. With increased trade and communication across different channels and platforms, individuals with diplomatic competence and an international outlook are in high demand to address the many constant political and legal challenges. Diplomacy is a key skill, imperative to mediate conflicts and to regulate the escalating matters between states and major international actors. The various cultural, economic, historical, legal and political factors at play make this field a compelling career choice for astute and ambitious leaders, keen on peacefully shaping our world.

This multidisciplinary programme has two concentrations: The concentration in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy introduces students to the frameworks and processes underlying international relations. You will learn the key intellectual tools that expose you to contemporary international relations. Specialist study modules focus on the forms of organisation, dispute settlement, the law of treaties, law of the sea and rules governing diplomatic relations. Additionally, you will study economic and financial relations, international trade, economic law in its institutional aspects followed by international criminal and human rights law, environment and sustainable development and nuclear law.

Students also explore the historical and geopolitical contexts of international relations, providing a working knowledge of tried and tested diplomatic techniques. Students that choose to follow the concentration in Defence and International Security will be introduced to history of national and international security within a multidisciplinary framework. You will learn key tools about war mechanism, security policies and doctrines to better understand defense issues in the today's world. It allows students to acquire the theoretical and technical knowledge, along with an overall vision of the issues involved in defense, peace-keeping, intelligence services, international security and diplomacy. Starting from “History of defence and national security” and “History of war and peace” students will follow topics like “Law of armed conflict and security”, “Geopolitics of conflicts”, to the modern question of “Cybersecurity”. These major themes are taught to a very high level of expertise by academics and practitioners in link with international military institutions.

Our faculty is composed of professors and law professionals from Université Paris Cité and from other prestigious European universities and academic institutions who have achieved worldwide acclaim. Highly specialised experts, diplomats and military experts will contribute to our students strategic thinking and planning.

With the participation of:

- Amiral Alain Oudot de Dainville, Former Chief of Staff of the French Navy
- Amiral Christophe Prazuck, Former Chief of Staff of the French Navy
- Professor Frederic Charillon, Science politique, Université Paris Cité
- H.E. Éric Danon, French Ambassador
- Rémi Février, Colonel of Gendarmerie, Professor of cybersecurity at Officers Academy of National Gendarmerie)





Overview

A close-up photograph of a wooden gavel with a polished brass band, resting on a wooden surface. The gavel is positioned diagonally, with the head on the left and the handle extending towards the right. The wood has a warm, reddish-brown tone and a smooth finish. The background is a blurred wooden surface, creating a sense of depth.

Programme highlights

International recognition

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi provides the combined experience of Sorbonne University and Université Paris Cité. This rich heritage of joint excellence is now available in Abu Dhabi under the Ministry of Education and is recognised worldwide.

Enhancing individual & national development

Within the next decade, the UAE is poised to dedicate its focus towards socio-economic sustainability. The curriculum at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi will be crucial in creating and encouraging a new generation passionate about national and international political stability and to refine their skills and career potential to complement the country's rapid and ambitious progress.

Networking

Each class will have a reduced number of students from different countries. A strict entry selection procedure will guarantee the quality of the degree and will allow you to expand your personal network with high potential peers.

This course exceptionally prepares students for careers in international diplomacy, governmental and non-governmental organisations, public administration, think tanks, NGOs, risk analysis and research agencies, future security and defence policy

The degree in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy and Defence and International Security are taught in English and covers a total of four semesters across two years. The exclusively designed course schedule includes evening and weekend classes in consideration of students who intend to combine their studies with work.

Structure

The first year of the programme is common for students aiming to study the Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy and the Master in Defence and International Security.

Year 1	
Public Law	
Semester 1	
UE 1	History of Legal and Political Systems International Public Law
UE 2	International Affairs International Dispute Settlement
UE 3	Comparative Law International and EU Taxation
Semester 2	
UE 1	Advanced Public Law International Humanitarian Law
UE 2	International Organisations Space, Telecommunications and Media Law
UE 3	Public Business Law International Trade Law

Master's thesis

Students have a choice to submit an essay based on their internship or a research-based thesis.

Internship

For nonworking students, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi recommends to complete an internship in the second year. The internship will encourage critical thinking and improve students' reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience. Students will benefit from a greater depth of experience working in a professional environment.

The internship also provides an excellent opportunity to gain crucial insights and improve access to various career opportunities in the region and beyond. Students will discover that this collaborative learning process can lead to enduring professional relationships, which will open doors and forge new career paths.

Year 2	
Concentration: International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy	
Semester 3	
UE 1	Advanced International Law Evolution of Diplomatic Structures
UE 2	History of International Relations Law of Armed Conflicts and Security
UE 3	Geopolitics of Conflicts Contemporary Diplomatic Problems
UE 4	Research Methodology
Semester 4	
UE 5 (One optional subject)	International Dispute Settlement II Moot Court, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
UE 6	International Criminal Law - International Protection of Human Rights
UE 7	Cybersecurity - Cyberdefense Diplomatic and Consular Law
UE 8	Thesis or Internship Report
Concentration: Defence and International Security	
Semester 3	
UE 1	History of International Relations Evolution of Diplomatic Structures
UE 2	Advanced International Law Law of Conflicts and Security
UE 3 (One optional subject)	History of Defence and National Security Geopolitics of Conflicts
UE 4	Research Methodology
Semester 4	
UE 5	History of War and Security
UE 6	Cybersecurity - Cyberdefense Diplomatic and Consular Law
UE 7	History of International Intelligence and Security
UE 8 (One optional subject)	Law of the Sea Contemporary Diplomatic Problems Moot Court, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
UE 9	Thesis or Internship Report

Assessment & graduation requirements

Throughout the year, there will be frequent assessment and evaluations. Students will be evaluated on individual assignments, internships presentations, reports and examinations, which usually take place towards the end of every semester. Attendance to all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and observe university regulations at all times.





Career prospects

There are abundant and rewarding opportunities at a regional and global level for our graduates. This programme exceptionally prepares students for careers in international diplomacy, governmental and non-governmental organisations, public administration, think tanks, NGOs, risk analysis and research agencies as well as media consultants. There are several further enriching career opportunities in political spheres and foreign affairs departments from public figures, diplomats, legal advisors and consultants to research consultants. Graduates can secure prominent positions in embassies and governmental institutions and agencies all over the world.

Moreover, our degree in Defence and International Security is designed for students planning careers in the fields of national security policy, international security affairs, defense analysis, arms control, and education.

At the end of their studies at SUAD (Master 1 required), students have the opportunity to present the Bar exam at the Université Paris Cité. The courses of the Institute of Judicial Studies (IEJ) are now also given in a dematerialized way and can thus be followed in addition to the completion of their Master. With this degree, students also have the option of pursuing a Ph.D. in Paris.

Admission to our master's programmes is selective and competitive and each applicant will be considered on his/her own merit. Our admissions process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.

Admission requirements

General entry requirements:

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent. Candidates with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 (or equivalent scores as per the equivalency table) may be conditionally admitted under probation during the first semester. The student will be authorized to continue in the program only if they secure an average of at least 12 out of 20 which is obtained by the end of the first semester. The decision is based on academic performance and will be made official after the completion of the first semester
- or
- Bachelor with minimum of 2nd class honours
- or
- Bachelor with an average of 12 out of 20
- Bachelor students with a GPA below 3 may be admitted on the ground of their professional and/or personal experience, in case they are granted a VAPP by SU's or UP's VAPP commission

- IELTS certificate with minimum overall band of 6.0 with a validity of 2 years or TOEFL certificate with minimum score of 79 (or equivalent) with a validity of 2 years or Minimum EmSAT English score of 1400 with a validity of 18 months or, Native English speaker who completed 3 full years in an English-medium institution within a maximum period of 3 years

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivation, career expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area. Applicants who earned their undergraduate degrees from universities outside the UAE must present a Certificate of Equivalency for their graduation certificates from the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants, who are holders of undergraduate degrees issued by a licensed higher education institution in the UAE, are required to submit a copy of their degrees attested by the UAE Ministry of Education. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website:

www.moe.gov.ae

Tuition Fees

AED 166,400 (approximately US\$ 45,344)

Scholarships are available for this programme*:

- 20% alumni discount
- 25% academic excellence scholarship
- 25% discount upon enrolment on a second master's degree
- 5%-15% corporate offer

Visit our website for more information.

*Conditions apply

Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is awarded by Université Paris Cité and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (www.caa.ae).

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